

APPENDIX B
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37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) and (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

1. (AMENDED) A storage case for storing a recording medium, the storage case comprising:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area to seat the recording medium, and a first lock portion extending from the first cover, the first lock portion defining a first cover lock receiving path; and

a second cover, the first and second covers being capable of moving to a closed position whereby the second cover is placed over the first cover to restrict access to the seating area, the second cover further including a second lock portion extending from the second cover, the second lock portion defining a second cover lock receiving path; and a lock, wherein

the first and second cover lock receiving paths are disposed on the first and second covers so that when the first and second covers are moved to the closed position, the first cover lock receiving path communicates with the second cover lock receiving path to produce a combined lock receiving path, the combined lock receiving path defined so that when [a] the lock is inserted into the storage case, substantially all of the lock is received within the combined lock insertion path and inside of the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover.

2. (AMENDED) A storage case for storing a recording medium, the storage case comprising:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area to seat the recording medium, and a first lock portion extending from the first cover, the first lock portion defining a first cover lock receiving path; and

a second cover, the first and second covers being capable of moving to a closed position whereby the second cover is placed over the first cover to restrict access to the seating area, the second cover further including a second lock portion extending from the second cover, the second lock portion defining a second cover lock receiving path; and a lock, wherein

the first and second cover lock receiving paths are disposed on the first and second covers so that when the first and second covers are moved to the closed position, the first cover lock

receiving path communicates with the second cover lock receiving path to produce a combined lock receiving path disposed inside of the storage case, the combined lock receiving path defined so that when [a] the lock is inserted into the storage case, substantially all of the lock is received within the combined lock insertion path and inside of the storage case, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover.

3. (AMENDED) A storage case for storing a recording medium, the storage case comprising:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area to seat the recording medium, and a first lock portion extending from the first cover, the first lock portion defining a first cover lock receiving path; and

a second cover, the first and second covers being capable of moving to a closed position whereby the second cover is placed over the first cover to restrict access to the seating area, the second cover further including a second lock portion extending from the second cover, the second lock portion defining a second cover lock receiving path; and a lock, wherein

the first and second cover lock receiving paths are disposed on the first and second covers so that when the first and second covers are moved to the closed position, the case has an outer periphery and the first cover lock receiving path communicates with the second cover lock receiving path to produce a combined lock receiving path, the combined lock receiving path defined so that when [a] the lock is inserted into the combined lock receiving path, the lock is disposed substantially within the outer periphery, whereby the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover.

24. (AMENDED) A storage case for storing a recording medium, the storage case comprising:

a first cover, the first cover including a seating area to seat the recording medium, and a first lock portion extending from the first cover, the first lock portion defining a first cover lock receiving path; and

a second cover, the first and second covers being capable of moving to a closed position whereby the second cover is placed over the first cover to restrict access to the seating area, the second cover further including a second lock portion extending from the second cover, the second lock portion defining a second cover lock receiving path; and a lock, wherein

the first and second cover lock receiving paths are disposed on the first and second covers so that when the first and second covers are moved to the closed position, the first cover lock receiving path communicates with the second cover lock receiving path to produce a combined lock receiving path;

the first lock portion comprises:

a first lock receiving member;

a second lock receiving member, the first and second lock receiving members of the first lock portion defining the first cover lock receiving path;

the second lock portion comprises:

a first lock receiving member;

a second lock receiving member, the first and second lock receiving members of the second lock portion defining the second cover lock receiving path;

wherein the lock receiving members are disposed on the storage case in an interleaving manner so that when the second cover is closed upon the first cover, the lock receiving members mesh with one another, whereby the lock may be inserted to securely couple the second cover to the first cover;

the first lock receiving member of the first lock portion includes a cut-away providing partial access to the seating area;

the first cover further includes a shelf proximate to the cut-away;

the first and second lock receiving members of the first lock portion are hollow thereby defining first lock voids, the first lock voids being collinear and in combination define the first cover lock receiving path; and

the first and second lock receiving members of the second lock portion are hollow thereby defining second lock voids, the second lock voids being collinear and in combination define the second cover lock receiving path.

25. (AMENDED) A lock for [locking a storage case] use in the storage case of Claim 55, the lock comprising:

a base having an outer periphery; and

at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery

of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base.

54. (AMENDED) A lock for [locking a] use in the storage case of Claim 55, the lock comprising:

- a base having an outer periphery;

- at least a first catch mechanism moveably mounted to the base, the first catch mechanism movable between a first position where the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base and a second position where the first catch mechanism does not extend beyond the periphery of the base;

- the lock includes a front end and a rear end;

- the first catch mechanism includes a notched recess with an opening facing the rear end;

- the first catch mechanism is disposed proximate to the first end;

- a groove extends substantially from the first catch mechanism to the second end;

- the first catch mechanism is coupled to the base through a leaf spring;

- the leaf spring has a height which less than a height of the base;

- wherein the leaf spring comprises:

- a notch which couples the leaf spring to the base;

- an arcuate portion; and

- a recess between the notch and the arcuate portion;

- when the first catch mechanism is in the first position, a portion of the first catch mechanism extends beyond the periphery of the base of the lock;

- the first catch mechanism is moveable to a third position where the entire first catch mechanism is disposed outside the periphery of the base of the lock;

- the first catch mechanism further includes a first flange extending therefrom;

- the base includes a second flange extending therefrom; and

- the first and second flanges are disposed so that when the first catch mechanism is in the first or the second position, the second flange abuts the first flange and inhibits the first catch mechanism from moving to the third position.

55. (AMENDED) A lockable storage case for storing a storage or recording medium, the lockable storage case comprising:

a storage case [having an outer periphery], the storage case including:
a first cover, the first cover including a seating area, the seating area is adapted to seat one of the storage and [the] recording medium, and
a second cover coupled to the first cover and capable of securing the medium seated in the seating area, when the second cover is closed [and placed] upon the first cover; and
a lock adapted to be disposed within both the first cover and the second cover, [so that] wherein, when the lockable storage case is secured, substantially all of the lock is disposed inside the storage case, whereby [thereby locking] the first cover is securely coupled to the second cover.

81. (AMENDED) A lockable storage case for storing a recording medium, the storage case comprising:

a first cover having an outer periphery and a first lock receiving element; and
a second cover pivotably attached to the first cover and moveable between an open and a closed position, the second cover having an outer periphery and a second lock receiving element;
and a lock

wherein the first and second lock receiving elements are configured to receive [a locking member] the lock when the first and second covers are in the closed position such that the [locking member] lock is substantially disposed within the periphery of the first and second covers when the [locking member] lock is inserted into the first and second lock receiving elements.